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Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 40th and 48th meetings, on 15 May and 5 July 2018. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (A/72/655);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/72/852).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/72/L.51

4. At its 48th meeting, on 5 July, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" (A/C.5/72/L.51), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/72/L.51 without a vote (see para. 6).

[1] A/C.5/72/SR.40 and A/C.5/72/SR.48.

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for an initial period of 12 months as from 4 April 2004, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation, the latest of which was resolution 2284 (2016) of 28 April 2016, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Operation for a final period until 30 June 2017,

Recalling also its resolution 58/310 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Operation and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 71/271 B of 30 June 2017,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire as at 30 April 2018, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 15.7 million United States dollars, representing some 0.3 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 151 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Operation in full;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to closely analyse the level of personnel required to successfully drawdown and liquidate a closing mission, drawing on lessons learned during the liquidation of the Operation, and identify human resources strategies that facilitate the retention of expertise from already onboarded staff, including national staff, until the end of the liquidation period;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the final performance report, to provide information on the lessons learned from the deployment of the Operation, including the liquidation period;

[1] A/72/655.
[2] A/72/852.

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to identify and address all residual activities, and stresses the importance of awareness raising of contractors relating to the settlement of any residual claims;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

7. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Operation for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017;[1]

8. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation shall be credited with their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 21,920,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 70/246 of 23 December 2015, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2017, as set out in its resolution 70/245 of 23 December 2015;

9. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Operation, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other revenue in the amount of 21,920,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 8 above;

10. *Further decides* that the increase of 1,147,600 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2017 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 21,920,000 dollars referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 above;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".